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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
OF LONDON.

SESSION 1858-9.

Twelfth Meeting (ANNIVERSARY), 1 P.M., May 23rd, 1859.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

THE Minutes of the previous Meeting having been confirmed, the regulations respecting the Anniversary Meetings were next read, when the President appointed A. G. Findlay and John Lyons McLeod, Esqrs., Scrutineers for the Ballot.

Lieut.-General Peter de la Motte, c.b.; Capt. Richard F. Burton; Capt. William F. Tytler; and Stephen W. Silver; Frederick B. Montgomerie; Coleridge Kennard; Walter F. Leslie, of New South Wales; Edward W. Stafford, Colonial Secretary of New Zealand; and Christian Hellmann, Esqrs., were proposed as Candidates for election at the next Meeting.

The Report of the Council, with the Balance Sheet for 1858 and the Estimate for 1859, was then read and adopted.

The President next delivered the Founder's Gold Medal to Capt. Richard F. Burton, for his various exploratory enterprises, and especially for his perilous expedition, in company with Capt. J. H. Speke, to the great Lakes in Eastern Central Africa.

The Patron's or Victoria Gold Medal was delivered to the Earl of Carnarvon, on behalf of Captain John Palliser, for the valuable results of his explorations in British North America and the Rocky Mountains.

A Gold Watch, awarded to Mr. J. Macdougall Stuart, for his discoveries in South and Central Australia, was delivered to Count P. E. de Strzelecki for transmission to him.

The President then read his Anniversary Address, for which a unanimous Vote of Thanks was passed, with a request that he would allow it to be printed.

At the conclusion of the Ballot, the Scrutineers reported that the

changes advised by the Council had been adopted; Sir Roderick I. Murchison, the President, retiring at the expiration of his second year of office, to be succeeded by the Earl of Ripon; the vacancy among the Vice-Presidents, occasioned by the retirement of Rear-Admiral Sir George Back, to be supplied by Sir Roderick I. Murchison; and those among the Ordinary Councillors, caused by the retirement of Lord Broughton, Lord Dufferin, Lieut.-General C. R. Fox, Colonel J. H. Lefroy, R.A., the Bishop of Oxford, Sir Henry Rawlinson, and Colonel T. M. Steele, to be filled by Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., the Hon. F. H. G. Calthorpe, M.P., Captain the Hon. J. Denman, R.N., Laurence Oliphant, Esq., Major-General J. E. Portlock, R.E., and J. A. Warre, Esq., M.P.

Thanks having been voted to the President, Vice-Presidents, Members of the Council, Auditors, and Scrutineers, the President finally directed attention to the usual Anniversary Dinner, and the Meeting adjourned.
